

GREATEST TEAM FAILS TO DRAW

Whatever it is, the officials of the club are plainly worried, and are at a loss to place their hands on the trouble. It is one of those inexplicable problems that those who cater to the public frequently encounter. It may be that the fans want somebody else to lead the race and make the Athletics play superb ball to catch up late in the season. They are likely to have this wish gratified, but the question is: Will they draw the crowds then?

John Henry "Doc" Beaubien of the Pirates got six hits in six times up in 1899, while Ed Delehanty of the Phillies got four home runs and a single in five times up off Terry, the Chicago pitcher, in 1886. Buck Freeman, the old Washington player, hammered out 25 home runs in one season, the next best achievement in this line having been by Frank Schulte of the Cubs, who averaged one hit a game in 1911.

ATHLETICS AND RED SOX.

The Athletics and Red Sox battled in a 24-inning game in 1906

an average of .691, hung up the best average in the American League. The Boston club of 1876, which won 71 games and lost only 8, finished the season with an average—the best ever compiled. The Chicago Cubs, in 1907, won 116 games and lost 47, gathered in by a major league club.

There may be a few more "records," but the ones listed here cover the field pretty thoroughly, and every ball player in the business who deserves a niche in the hall of fame is invited to "go to it."



any of the clubs of their time; there have been few clubs since that have attempted the almost reckless style they employed. At the time a great many exponents of the so-called "inside" bases club asserted the system of signals used by the Cubs was the most complete yet ever evolved.

"Imagine some of the old boys such as Dalrymple, Brothers Roger Connor, Anson, Pete Browning, Tip O'Neill, Mike Kelly, Dave Orr, Mike Tiernan, Kid Gleason, Jack Rowe, Bill Lange, Larry Lafolte, Ed Delehanty, Jake Beckley and a hundred others of years ago. Can you imagine any of this bunch squeezing in a runner from third

“Our old-time” twenty-five years ago. There was only a few of them as there were but few big league clubs and scarcely any minor leagues. The old-time first sack- ing of note were: Charles Comiskey, Tom Linn, Ben Bruders, Roger Connor, Pete Dwyer, Scoops Carey, Jack Beckley, Lonz John Riley, Pat Betton, Dave Orr and Virtue.

The second baseman of the old guard compare favorable and in my estimation were better than those of today. Of course John Lera and Eddie Collins are stars on an

The outsiders of the old school were brainier, faster, smarter, better throwers and all around superior athletes to the men of today. My star, and I have seen them all, is Tommy McCarthy. Then we had Ned Hanlon, Bill Lang, Hugh Duffy, George Van Haltrem, Billy Hamilton, Billy Sunday, Fogarty, Clegg, Welch, Gore, and the Big Ed Deahanty, William Roy, Elmer Foster, Gus Clarke, Roy Thomas, Pete Browning, Tip O'Neill, Walker, Halsting, Hoy and many others."